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Title: GEORGE DeMOHRENSCHILDT;
JEANNE DeMOHRENSCHILDT

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Synopsis: HO T-1 has known DeMOHRENSCHILDT since 1945 when both worked in oil fields near Rangely, Colorado. HO T-1 knows of four marriages entered into by DeMOHRENSCHILDT. In 1957 DeMOHRENSCHILDT served as oil consultant for Yugoslav Government in Yugoslavia. In Fall of 1960, DeMOHRENSCHILDT and wife made walking tour through Mexico and Central American, terminating tour in Haiti where they remained two months, with return to U. S. in late September, 1961. Through contacts made in Haiti, DeMOHRENSCHILDT obtained commission to do geological survey in Haiti. DeMOHRENSCHILDT returned to Haiti in 1963 for this purpose. DeMOHRENSCHILDT also engaged in business venture in Haiti.

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DETAILS:

HO T-1 on March 2, 1964, furnished the following information, and unless specifically stated otherwise, all information is attributed to HO T-1:

HO T-1 met GEORGE DeMOHRENSCHILDT in 1945 when both were working in the oil fields near Rangely, Colorado. DeMOHRENSCHILDT had come to Rangely, Colorado, from an oil field assignment in South American, probably in Venezuela. DeMOHRENSCHILDT at the time that HO T-1 met him was not married. He had been divorced and his former wife and a child of their marriage were living with DeMOHRENSCHILDT's former father-in-law, who was in the U. S. Diplomatic Service. DeMOHRENSCHILDT remained in the Rangely, Colorado,

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area until approximately 1947. In the late 1940's, DeMOHRENSCHILDT married a woman whose first name is FIFI. This marriage possibly took place in Denver, Colorado, and it lasted about a year or so and ended in divorce. After his divorce from FIFI, his second wife, DeMOHRENSCHILDT next married a wealthy woman whose maiden name was SHARPELS (phonetic). The SHARPELS were a wealthy Quaker family from Philadelphia who derived some of their wealth from investments in the oil industry. DeMOHRENSCHILDT's third marriage took place in the early 1950's. His third wife was a Medical Doctor.

This marriage resulted in the birth of two children, and the marriage lasted until the mid-1950's, 1955 - 1956, when DeMOHRENSCHILDT was divorced by his third wife.

In 1952, DeMOHRENSCHILDT was residing at Dallas, Texas, and was self-employed as a geophysicist, engineer and oil consultant.

In approximately 1957, DeMOHRENSCHILDT was dispatched by the United States Government to Yugoslavia where he served for approximately one year as an oil consultant for the Yugoslav Government.

In approximately 1959, DeMOHRENSCHILDT married a woman of Russian extraction who was born in the Orient. This woman, first name JEANNE, is presently married to DeMOHRENSCHILDT.

In about 1960, one of DeMOHRENSCHILDT's children born of his marriage to his third wife (SHARPELS family) died of the disease Cystic Fibrosis. The death of his child had a strong impact upon DeMOHRENSCHILDT, and this event in all probability was the reason that DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife set out on a walking tour that took them through Mexico and Central America, and took approximately one year's time.

In the Fall of 1960, DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife set out on the walking tour, starting at the Mexican border, which tour took ten months and took them through Mexico and the countries of Central America. The tour

terminated in Haiti, where they spent approximately two months resting and preparing notes and papers resultant from DeMOHRENSCHILDT's geological findings on the tour. While in Haiti, they resided at the home of a friend of DeMOHRENSCHILDT, whom DeMOHRENSCHILDT had initially met in the United States. Through DeMOHRENSCHILDT's friend, DeMOHRENSCHILDT met prominent Haitian government officials and Haitian businessmen. DeMOHRENSCHILDT utilized the acquaintances and contacts that he made within the Haitian Government and he obtained a commission to conduct a geographical and mapping survey of the country for the Government.

During the time that DeMOHRENSCHILDT was on the tour, he periodically corresponded with HO T-1, and HO T-1 in turn would write to DeMOHRENSCHILDT, always addressing correspondence to DeMOHRENSCHILDT in care of U. S. Embassies which were on DeMOHRENSCHILDT's travel route. DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife, while on the tour, travelled through the back country and away from the main highways. While in Mexico, DeMOHRENSCHILDT made geographical findings which he claimed resulted in discovery of indications of various mineral deposits in the mountains of Mexico. He and his wife travelled lightly and lived off the land. On one occasion they were set upon by a band of roving bandits while in the Mexican back country and were fortunate to escape harm. On another occasion when they entered a Mexican village they appeared to the Mexicans to be in such desperate need of aid and assistance that the people of the village gave them clothing and financial assistance so they could continue on their journey.

Near the conclusion of their trip and while in Haiti, DeMOHRENSCHILDT wrote to HO T-1 and told him of his tentative arrival date by boat in the United States and requested that HO T-1 meet him as he would need assistance with his luggage and other materials he had collected on the trip. HO T-1 met DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife upon their arrival in the United States at Lake Charles, Louisiana, during late September, 1961. DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife spent approximately two days at the home of HO T-1 prior to returning to Dallas. In the Spring or Summer or 1963, DeMOHRENSCHILDT and his wife returned to Haiti to work on the geological survey for the Haitian Government and also to enter into a business venture.

HO T-1 has furnished the following personal evaluation of DeMOHRENSCHILDT:

DeMOHRENSCHILDT is a person who has always had the utmost confidence in himself, and on the basis of this confidence he has managed to cultivate the friendship and acquaintance of prominent people in the United States and other parts of the world. As an engineer and geologist, and an oil consultant, he is considered to be very competent and is well respected within the profession. He has never possessed the desire to accumulate wealth and has seemed to work only long enough to acquire funds with which to travel. He has never accumulated a large savings account. De MOHRENSCHILDT has always possessed strong urge to travel and has done so. He has never had any strong political sympathies and it is the opinion of HO T-1 that he has been somewhat indifferent to American politics. He has always been a physical culturist and has taken pride in his own physical fitness.

HO T-1 on a few occasions has met DeMOHRENSCHILDT's wife JEANNE, and it is his opinion that they are extremely compatable and it is his feeling that this marriage will survive. HO T-1 last heard from DeMOHRENSCHILDT at Christmas, 1963, when he received a card from him, at which time he was residing in Haiti.

On March 2, 1964, Mr. GEORGE KITCHEL, Vice President, Kerr-McGee Oil Company, with offices in Houston, furnished correspondence dated in 1962 that he received from GEORGE DeMOHRENSCHILDT which reflected the following:

Under date of August 1, 1962, KITCHEL received a letter from DeMOHRENSCHILDT which set forth background information on a holding company that DeMOHRENSCHILDT was developing in Haiti. The letter read as follows:

"<u>Haitian Holding Company</u>

"August 1, 1962

"This Holding Company will cooperate with the Banque Commerciale d' Haiti, Port-Au-Prince, Mr. B. Gindine-Tardieu, adviser to the Bank, local

"Haitian and American enterprises in reworking and creating certain industries and enterprises in Haiti, West Indies.

"1. Personalities involved.

"Charles, Clemard Joseph, President of the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti, the only native bank in existence. His references: Irwing Trust Company, NYC., Mr. Joseph Welsh, International Division, Manufacturers Trust Company, NYC., Mr. James Greene, vice-president. American Express Company, NYC., Mr. Marshall S. Walker, vice-president overseas banking. Mr. Charles is also a sole representative in Haiti of General Electric Ltd. and of Siemens Schuckert Werke.

"B. Gindine-Tardieu, well known in banking circles in France and England, came to Haiti in 1935 on behalf of an English Syndicate of Investment to organize export of precious wood and to build starch factories in the whole Carribean area. At a later date he built up the total export of bananas from Haiti to USA. Mr. Tardieu owns a chocolate paste factory in Port-Au-Prince and has considerable real estate holdings. He has actively contributed for years to the development of cooperatives in Haiti. He is adviser to the Banque Commerciale and is Mr. Charles' spiritual father; this sounds strange but such is the case.

"Mr. Tardieu's original investment of $50,000 will be of real estate holdings evaluated by the Court for which he will obtain debentures payable out of the profits of the Holding Company only. He will not be the stockholder.

"George de Mohrenschildt familiar with Haiti from many trips and several surveys made by him in the interior, has a tentative agreement with the Haitian Government (Minister of Finance) made through the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti for a complete geological a geophysical survey of the country for the amount of $181,670 and an additional aereal survey for $85,340 - for oil, gas and

"other minerals - and is apporting into the Holding Company all profits from this Survey and any eventual oil and/or mineral concessions.

"2. The Holding Company.

"It will consist of 100 shares of $1,000 each. The money is to be spent on preparing projects, expenses connected with the projects, elaboration of agreements and guarantees in Washington and Haiti. It will bring native and American capital together, working thus along the lines of the Alliance for Progress. It will retain small participations in all industries and enterprises outlined below, will prepare detailed engineering and economic studies for each project and will supervise their completion. Each individual partner in the Holding Company will be given an opportunity to participate to a larger extent in any of the projects and the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti will have a participation of at least 10% in the capitalization of each project.

"3. The projects which the Banque Commerciale is considering at present and in which it will participate are the following: 1. Planting of tobacco on a larger scale and building of a cigar factory. 2. Development of cheap housing. 3. Building of a wharf. 4. Construction of a hydroelectric plant in conjunction with a completed dam (by Brown and Root), following by electrification. 5. Lobster tail canning and freezing for export. 6. Plant for dessicated coconut and coconut candy. 7. Building and operation of a cotton wool plant. 8. Organization of a local Insurance Company. 9. Operation of a sisal plantation and factories already in existence. 10. The telephone system. 11. Refining of vegetable oil. 12. Manufacture of containers for domestic oil distribution. 13. Manufacture of margerine. 14. Participation in building of small sugar plants near the existing plantations. 15. Building of a casino. 16. Other projects, among them local making of films, which come to the attention of the Banque Commerciale d'Haiti.

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"4. This is the first attempt of bringing together the local Bank, capital, American financing and U.S. Government help together. One should not forget the highly important geographical position of Haiti.

"Sincerely,

"/S/ G. de Mohrenschildt"